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Topics

- ASA(CW) role, especially PP&R
- Will cover:
  - ASA(CW) 06 objectives
  - PP&R responsibilities
  - PP&R support to the CoP
  - Lessons learned from the past year

ASA(CW) 06 PP&R Objectives

- Develop Lean Six Sigma recommendations from:
  - Review of pre-authorization report process
  - Review of PCA process
- Complete Katrina forensic investigation
- Meet reporting requirements to Congress
  - OMB meeting 60-day deadline
  - ASA(CW) working with OMB on backlog
- Active in FY07 environmental benefits R&D

ASA PP&R Responsibilities

- Independent review to Assistant Secretary Woodley
  - Mr. Woodley fully supports PP&R
  - Views PP&R as honest broker, key to E.O. 12322 process
  - Works to support Corps program with OMB/CEQ
- Put projects in position for budgetary consideration
- Promotes planning process

ASA(CW) PP&R Support to Planning CoP

- Over 100 years of water resources planning
- Over 40 years of project review experience
- National consistency with regional awareness
- Opportunity to resolve issues
- No cost consultation
- Staff personally committed to issue resolution
- Feedback for improving planning and review
- Seat at Civil Works Review Board

PP&R Review Conclusions

- It is in the best interest of Districts to:
  - Read their reports
  - Utilize checklists
  - Vertical team early as issues arise
- Contingent authorizations can be problematic
- Good team review makes for a well supported project
- Exceptions ≠ new policy

Conclusions from Past Year

- Terrific Corps response to GWOT and disasters
- Post-Katrina/Corps reform--both key on review being critical to integrity of the program
- Strong Planning expertise & QA/QC essential to credible CW Program
- ASA(CW) fully supports 5 new Planning EC's
- Civil Works Review Board operating well—provides senior leadership focus at critical step
- Demonstration of benefits is critical area
- 08 Budget EC for ER centers on old Corps projects